

**COMMISSION ON DISABILITY ISSUES**  
**MEETING MINUTES OF**  
**June 26, 2006**

**Present:** Berger, Bunker, Chair Cooney, Fort, Longley-Cook, Lord-Hausman, Vice-Chair Moore

**Absent/Excused:** Gwynne, Steffens

**Guests:** Peggy Hakanson, Paulina Kirola, and Elvira Brochier

**MINUTES:** The minutes of April 24, 2006 were approved with the following corrections: a) New Business, Item No. 2, change title from “Paratrasit ...” to “Paratransit ...” and 1<sup>st</sup> sentence of last paragraph “. and second ...” to “...and seconded ...”; b) Staff Communications, Item No. 1, change “... Ortez ...” to “Otaez....”; c) Staff Communications, Item No. 5, change “... former Wale’s Tail ... Bellina Boulevard” to “... former Whale’s Tail ... Ballena Boulevard.”

**WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Axis Dance Company, an Oakland based dance company composed of disabled and non-disabled dancers has been promoting dance and disability awareness and would like to perform for the City during Disability Awareness Month in October. Vice-Chair Jodie Moore and Commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman will report back at the Commission’s July meeting with further information.
2. Resources for Community Development will be having a grand opening of the Breakers at Bayport Development located at 459 Neptune Garden on Thursday, June 29 from 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**1. Parking:**

Guest Ms. Elvira Brochier requested that a blue disabled parking space be provided on Melrose Avenue in front of her Garden Isle residence as she is disabled and has difficulty finding a vacant nearby parking space on the street. She informed the commission that she has a garage accessible from Mangrove Avenue which is occupied by her other vehicle and that she rotates the vehicles in order not to wear down the car batteries. She also stated that while there is guest parking within the private development there are no spaces allocated for the disabled. Chair Ed Cooney informed her that the commission does not have the authority to establish policy and can only make recommendations. The commission provided the

following suggestions: 1) That she write a letter to the Homeowner's Association requesting that a guest parking space(s) be converted to a handicap parking space(s) and that she may want to get the backing of other homeowners who may also have disabled parking space problems and 2) that she contact Friends of Alameda who could possibly assist her in rotating her vehicles. The commission also informed her that blue zones are not created for personal parking spaces but can be used by any person displaying a disabled parking placard or disabled license plate.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Status of Accommodation Recommendations:**

Upon discussion on the status of the commission's 'Recommendations for ADA Policies' with the Secretary, the commission moved that Public Works staff make a presentation at the commission's July 24 meeting as the commission would like to forward it's recommendation to the City Council in September.

### **2. Paratransit Annual Program:**

Chair Cooney updated the commission on the Alameda County Paratransit Advisory & Planning Committee (PAPCO) meeting he attended along with City staff. The proposed fiscal year paratransit plan, which included funding for audible traffic signal upgrades along transit routes, was approved by PAPCO Senior Center.

### **3. Atlantic Avenue/Webster Street Intersection Improvements:**

The commission reviewed the plans for the proposed intersection modifications at Atlantic Avenue and Webster Street which includes removal of the existing traffic right turn islands near the college, a curb bulb-out on Webster Street adjacent to the senior housing complex, cross-walks having texture treatment as an aid to the visually impaired, audible signals, increased ped-signal walk time for pedestrian intersection crossing, and removal of the existing free right turn from southbound Webster Street onto west bound Ralph Appezzato Memorial Parkway adjacent to the college. Commissioner's Ed Cooney and Steve Fort requested that the drawing exhibit be enhanced with texture treatment so that they could have a better understanding of the proposed improvements. Secretary will provide enhanced plan at the July commissioner's meeting.

### **4. Bayport Park:**

The commission reviewed the proposed Bayport Park improvements and by motion approved that the Chair write a letter to the Acting Director of the Recreation & Parks Department. The commission's recommendations are: a) walkways and a hardscape area be provided at the baseball fields within the vicinity of the infield fence area as the current proposal indicates only lawn between the parking lot sidewalk and the field, 2) walkway and hardscape areas should also be provided for the soccer field at various locations, and 3) some of the playground equipment components should be usable by the disabled.

**STAFF COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Commissioner Adrienne Longley-Cook reported that she attended the Alameda Point Collaborative meeting and that 1) the 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the collaborative will be held on November 21<sup>st</sup> and suggested that the commission might want to provide an item for the proposed time capsule and 2) the teen program provided the following website [sfbaycareermap.org](http://sfbaycareermap.org) to 'explore your interests, discover your career direction'.
2. Commissioner Audrey Lord-Hausman stated that she would attend the Transportation Commission meeting this Thursday regarding the Towne Centre renovation project. The commission was in agreement that accessibility during the renovations could be improved.
3. Commissioner's Toby Berger and Adrienne Longley-Cook staffed the commission booth at the Crab Cove summer concert program and provided information to several passerby's. The next concert is scheduled for July 14, 2006.
4. Vice-Chair Jody Moore provided an informational source on heavy metal toxicity.
5. Chair Ed Cooney would like to discuss availability to staff reports at the next meeting. Secretary informed the commission that City Council and Planning Board meeting staff reports are available to the public at the City Clerk's office.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m. The next scheduled meeting is Monday, July 24th, 2006 in Room 360, City Hall.

Sincerely,

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